

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators by being able to offer me a substantial number of local TV channels via satellite in my market area.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in increased competition in the broadband market by providing an affordable high-speed Internet service nationwide via satellite.

I do agree that the only real competition is between Cable and DBS, and to prevent the merger unfairly strengthens Cable lack of sensitivity to the consumer and makes them less market driven. I believe your recent rulings will relegate DBS to history. Cable has always had the upperhand, until DBS they had no competition and were given the market by the government. The fact that you use the argument about regulated monopolies when referring to the merger while ignoring the fact that the cable company is in fact a regulated monopoly emphasizes the point.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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